

Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Natural Resource Commission

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DECISION

TOPIC Chapter 95 Game Harvest Reporting and Landowner-tenant Registration: NOIA

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The Commission is requested to approve this Notice to amend Chapter 52, Game Harvest Reporting and Landowner-tenant Registration. This chapter gives the regulations for reporting deer and turkey harvest and for registering for landowner-tenant licenses.

The proposed change removes the three-year eligibility period limit and requires registered landowners and tenants to notify the DNR if their information or eligibility status changes. Eligibility will be periodically verified by DNR staff.

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March 12, 2009

Attachment: Chapter 95 Game Harvest Reporting and Landowner-tenant Registration: NOIA

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION [571]  
Notice of Intended Action

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code subsection 455A.5(6), the Natural Resource Commission hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 95, "Game Harvest Reporting and Landowner-tenant Registration," Iowa Administrative Code.

These rules give the regulations for reporting deer and turkey harvest and for registering for landowner-tenant licenses. The proposed change removes the 3-year eligibility period limit and requires registered landowners and tenants to notify the DNR if their information or eligibility status changes. Eligibility will be periodically verified by DNR staff.

Any interested person may make written suggestions or comments on the proposed amendments on or before April 29, 2009. Written comments may be directed to the Wildlife Bureau's website at [www.iowadnr.com](http://www.iowadnr.com) or may be sent to the Wildlife Bureau Chief, Department of Natural Resources, Wallace State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0034; fax (515)281-6794. Persons who wish to convey their views orally should contact the Wildlife Bureau at (515)281-5034 or at the Wildlife Bureau offices on the fourth floor of the Wallace State Office Building.

Also, there will be public hearings held at 18 locations via the Iowa Communications Network on April 29, 2009. Interested persons should contact the department at (515)281-5034 for a list of hearing locations or go to the department's website at [www.iowadnr.com](http://www.iowadnr.com). At the

hearings, persons may present their views either orally or in writing. Persons attending the hearing will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the amendments.

Any persons who intend to attend the public hearings and have special requirements such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments should contact the Department of Natural Resources and advise of specific needs.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 481A.38, 481A.39, 481A.48, 483A.1 and 483A.7.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend rule 571--95.2(481A) as follows:

95.2(481A) Verifying eligibility for free landowner or tenant licenses. Eligibility for free and reduced-fee deer and wild turkey hunting licenses, which are hereafter referred to as free licenses, is defined in Iowa Code section 483A.24, rule 571—98.5(483A) and rule 571—106.12(481A). The electronic licensing system for Iowa (ELSI) will not issue free licenses to persons who have not registered their eligibility with ELSI. ~~Registering once will enable a landowner or tenant and any eligible family members to receive all the free licenses for which the landowner or tenant is eligible for three years after the date of registration, provided the landowner's and tenant's eligibility status does not change within the three year period.~~

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 95.2(6) as follows:

95.2(6) Registration expiration and renewal. ~~A landowner or tenant shall renew the landowner's or tenant's registration whenever the landowner's or tenant's eligibility or the eligibility of a family member changes. A landowner or tenant shall renew the landowner's or tenant's registration after three years to retain free license privileges. A registered landowner, tenant, or eligible family member may obtain free licenses as allowed in 571—subrule 95.2(2) provided their registration information and eligibility status remains valid. If a registrant's information or eligibility status changes, that individual must mail or fax a DNR affidavit form or contact the DNR by telephone. The DNR will periodically review registration information to verify eligibility status, and will inactivate registrations when information fails to indicate eligibility.~~

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